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SUBJ: GREEK CYPRIOT LIBERATION ARMY (EKAS)

REF: A) FBIS AT 171844Z (NOTAL); B. FBIS TA 171750Z (NOTAL)

1. MAY 16 LEAFLET ANNOUNCES CREATION OF GREEK CYPRIOT LIBERATION ARMY (EKAS) DESIGNED TO STRIKE AGAINST "FOREIGNERS, AND ESPECIALLY BRITISH BUSINESSMEN" WHO FORM VENTURES WITH TURKS TO EXPLOIT GREEK PROPERTIES IN CYPRUS. LEAFLET STATES THAT EKAS WILL FOLLOW "COURSE OF OUR NATIONAL LEADERSHIP", BUT WARNS THAT, WHERE "CONVENTIONAL POLICY" IS INADEQUATE, IT WILL "STRIKE MERCILESSLY AT THE AGENTS OF IMPERIALIST CONSPIRACY" IN CYPRUS AND ABROAD.

2. THOUGH LANGUAGE IS LEFTIST, ONLY RIGHTIST PAPERS (CLERIDES' AGHON AND ULTRA PATRIS) HAVE TAKEN NOTE OF LEAFLET. TURK PRESS HAS REACTED STRONGLY: HALKIN SESI WARNED GREEKS AGAINST SEEKING ANOTHER FIGHT.

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3. COMMENT: WE DO NOT YET KNOW WHO IS INVOLVED IN EKAS. GREEK

CYPRIOIS, AS PART OF THEIR MOBILIZATION FOR LONG HAUL, ARE
INCREASINGLY CONCERNED OVER REPORTS OF FOREIGN COLLABORATION
WITH TURKS. MOST SPLASHY RECENT CASE IS STORY FROM GUARDIAN
AND BBC THAT UK FIRM, WHITE HILLS, HAS CONTRACTED WITH TURKS TO
ACTIVATE EVAGORAS COURT HOTEL IN FAMAGUSTA. END COMMENT.
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